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Interview with DJ Schugar of The Infusion Project



DJ Schugar and The Infusion Project are redefining what San Diego has come to expect from our local art community. No mass produced generic hysteria here; The Infusion Project is

dedicated to presenting one of a kind, valuable pieces by truly dedicated artists in an environment where all senses can collide. They are responsible for hosting Basic Tuesdays where live art, performance, fashion and music would come together for an electric experience. Basic Tuesdays are no longer after a 3 year weekly party, but now the Project is working on the next big thing for San Diegan art-goers.

Meagan Rae: How did the Infusion Project come about?

DJ Schugar: After a myriad of collaborative projects and artistic business ventures, I realized that what I needed to fulfill my vision as an artist was to create my own company. Not just any artistic company, but an artistic company run by artists, that is designed to inspire and motivate the artists.

Meagan Rae: What do you want to bring to the San Diego art and club scene?

DJ Schugar: New ideas, a more human element, a fantasy world that is worth paying for. Rather than over priced everything for pseudo-celebrity BS; how about a real show that makes you shake your ass, makes you think and wows you all at the same time. That is what we are bringing to San Diego. Schugar, what do you really love about art (in general or the scene here or etc)?

DJ Schugar: What I love about art is the ability to be fully self expressed. To create from nothing. Bring totally random thoughts into existence; making the unreal become real.

Meagan Rae: What do you really hate about art?

DJ Schugar: That's a funny question. I would say that I hate "not" art. I hate ripoff art and wannabe art. I hate the idea of starving for art. I hate uninspired "art"; which I would not call art, that's called pretending to be art.

Meagan Rae: Besides being a DJ and an absolute jack of all trades, are you a secret crafter at heart? Come on, what's your most fave craft project?

DJ Schugar: Hahaha. I am not much of a crafter. Probably making paper snowflakes. I don't really like the snow, but I like its uniqueness. So I will take Fake snow! Hahahaha!

For more info on The Infusion Project and hot local happenings, check out www.theinfusionproject.com

CRAFTY WEB:

GET CRAFTY WITH CRAFTGOSSIP DOT COM!

We love to find websites & blogs that have tutorials! Well, we found one that's full of fun projects! CraftGossip is a blog with links to lots of tutorials and other crafty sites. CraftGossip searches the web for craft ideas and how-to's and reviews them for their readers. How great! They've organized everything into sub-blogs which are then managed by their respective editors. The sub-blog subjects include edible crafts, felting, recycled crafts, sewing, quilting, and more! If you are wanting to find a craft for a specific holiday, you are in luck. They have sub-blog topics for those too! There are so many tutorials and projects listed, that you will be glad they've included a search option. We've included a fun fabric basket project in our "Crafty How-To" section below. It is sure to be the perfect addition to your spring decorations or would make the perfect Easter gift! Check out all the great projects at: <http://craftgossip.com>



CRAFTY HOW-TO:

MAKE A REUSABLE EASTER BASKET!



Spring is here and Easter is almost upon us! So, it fits that a basket project should be included in this month's newsletter. Even if you don't celebrate Easter, you can celebrate Spring with this colorful project. This basket would be great for those trips to the farmers' market! We found the link to this tutorial on CraftGossip.com.

Be sure to visit their blog if you haven't already done so! This tutorial was created by Moda Bake Shop, which is part of Moda Fabrics. They show you every step with lots of photos—gotta love that! The instructions call for you to use a 'Honey Bun' of fabric. This is basically a collection of fabric strips that are 1.5" x 44" and rolled together to form a bun. They're not sewn, you get to do that and create your own pattern of color! If you already have a large stash of fabric, then why not cut your own

strips? Other items needed for this project include cotton cording, hand sewing needle, thimble, thread, scissors, and a sewing machine. Please visit the online tutorial to get all the instructions. If you decide to make one of these baskets, send us photos of your finished project and we'll post them on our blog! You can get the tutorial here: <http://www.modabakeshop.com/2009/03/fabric-easter-basket.html>



- A. Wrapping the cotton cording.
- B. Starting the basket coil
- C. Sewing the coils

Now Accepting Vendor Applications for the "Spring Line Up" at the North Park Festival of the Arts on May 16th! Are you a crafty vendor? We have 10'x10' booths available!

Want to share? Post a note on our Facebook page! Visit us online for more info!

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MADAME CRAFTINA'S
HOROSCOPE

WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER!

Madame Craftina gives all you crafty creators your lucky numbers this month. Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

Aries: Your lucky numbers are 2, 8, 12, and 15.

Leo: Your lucky numbers are 1, 6, 10, and 17.

Sagittarius: Your lucky numbers are 4, 8, 11, and 20.

Taurus: Your lucky numbers are 6, 8, 13, and 15.

Virgo: Your lucky numbers are 4, 5, 11, and 15.

Capricorn: Your lucky numbers are 3, 13, 21 and 31.

Gemini: Your lucky numbers are 2, 4, 17, and 21.

Libra: Your lucky numbers are 2, 6, 11 and 21.

Aquarius: Your lucky numbers are 3, 11, 22, and 28.

Cancer: Your lucky numbers are 1, 9, 17 and 31.

Scorpio: Your lucky numbers are 3, 11, 22 and 31.

Pisces: Your lucky numbers are 3, 15, 32 and 38.

MA MANGIA

COLOMBA PASQUALE CAKE

Symbolizing both peace and the Holy Spirit, the Dove, has become the shape of the famous traditional Easter cake, Colomba Pasquale (Easter Dove), a classic dessert at any Easter meal in Italy.

(serves 8-10)

INGREDIENTS:**For the dough**

- 11.6 oz flour
- 1 oz yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 8 oz of lukewarm milk
- 3 oz butter
- 1.3 sugar
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2.7 oz candy lemon zest finely minced
- 1/2 grated zest of fresh lemon

For the syrup

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons water

OTHER INGREDIENTS

- flour to the base
- margarine to grease aluminum foil
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 oz sifted powdered sugar
- 1.4 oz peeled almonds
- 2 raisins

DIRECTIONS:**For the dough:**

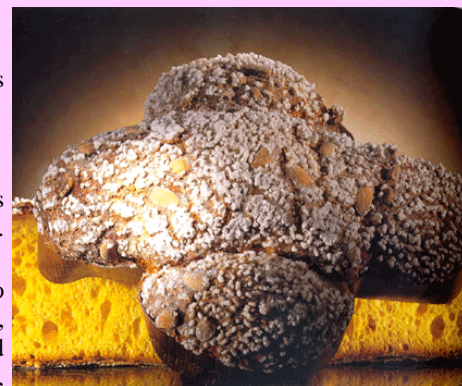
- Preheat the oven to 360 degrees. Place the flour in a large bowl, forming it into a mound. Add the yeast, sugar, 4 oz of lukewarm milk in the middle of the mound and knead the dough.
- When completely incorporated, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise in a warm place for 15 minutes so that the dough is puffy.
- While the dough is rising, melt the butter in a small pan or microwave it in a microwave safe container. In another small bowl, beat the yolks with the sugar.
- When the sugar is completely mixed with the yolks, add the melted butter to the mixture and mix. Add the mixture of the yolks, sugar and butter and the remaining milk and flour to the dough, and continue to knead vigorously until the dough is firm and compact, making sure it is not sticky.
- Subsequently, add the fresh lemon zest and candied lemon to the dough, and form a ball. Set aside and let the dough rise for approximately 30 minutes in a warm place.

For the syrup:

- In a small pot, bring the 2 tablespoons of water and 2 tablespoons of sugar to a boil; remove from heat and let cool.

For the dough:

- When the dough is ready, divide it in half and make 2 rolls (approximately 7 to 8 inches in size). Shape each roll into a dove. You may also choose to place each roll in a dove-shaped mold.
- Cover the dough and let each dove-shaped roll rise for about 20 to 30 minutes until each is double in size. When the dough is ready, brush the surface with the syrup mixture and sift the powdered sugar over the top. Top each dove-shaped roll with almonds, pressing them in slightly.
- Add one raisin to each dove-shaped roll in order to make the eyes of the dove. To preserve the shape, wrap the cake with greased aluminum foil. Place the dove-shaped rolls in the preheated oven on the lower rack for 40 minutes.
- When ready, gently remove the aluminum foil and allow the Colomba Pasquale cool before serving.



Source: "Cresci - L'arte della pasta lievitata" (Grow - The art of baking dough), edited by Pavoni, and available at the [Accademia Barilla Gastronomic Library](#) in Parma, Italy.



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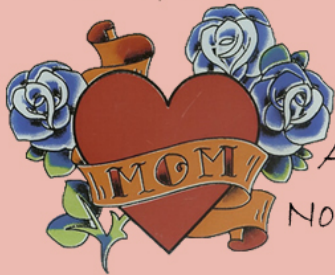
THE SAN DIEGO NORTH PARK CRAFT MAFIA WAS FOUNDED IN SEPTEMBER 2007 AND IS DEDICATED TO CRAFTING, FASHIONING, STYLING AND CREATING THEIR SAN DIEGO.

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The San Diego North Park Craft Mafia Presents...

"Sunday, Crafty Sunday" - Mother's Day Gift Bazaar!

Find a unique gift for mom & shop from local artists!



Sunday, April 25th
Noon-5 pm

Queen Bee's Art & Culture Center
3925 Ohio St. - 92104
www.SDNPCM.com

April is National Keep America Beautiful Month!

Crafty Black Book: Upcoming Events for April



SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD INTERNATIONAL PILLOW FIGHT

This day all around the world, people will be pillow fighting! The first rule is: No hitting people too hard. ;-) Event starts a 6pm @ the fountain in Horton Plaza.
www.pillowfightday.com/2010/san-diego-ca-2

APRIL 8TH - 11TH 7TH ANNUAL BALBOA RENDEZVOUS

Have fun learning a swing dance invented in California back in the 1930s. This event has daily workshops and nightly dances with live bands. Sunday, everyone drives or gets on a bus to go dancing in Balboa Island! Beginners to Advanced. Partners not needed! 2plyswing.com/Z_RENDEZVOUS/BR_AA_home.htm#BR

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH SAN DIEGO ROLLER DERBY VS. BAKERSFIELD DIAMOND DIVAS

Come check out the lovely ladies of San Diego Roller Derby when they take on the Bakersfield Diamond Divas in an action-packed derby bout! **Skateworld 6907 Linda Vista Rd. 92111 - 5:30 pm.** Tickets are \$12 Gen. Buy online at: SanDiegoRollerDerby.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH GIRLS DAY IN @ LAFAYETTE HOTEL 12PM-6PM

One day indie shopping mall with vendors & free giveaways!
www.girlsdayinsd.com



SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH EARTH FAIR, Balboa Park 10am-5pm www.earthdayweb.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH CRAFTY CONSPIRACY @ THE RUBY KITCHEN

Do you like to craft & make things? Have a project that you're working on? Great! Bring it and have a blast! We take over their upstairs lounge area, so be sure to look for us there! **4th Tues Every Month, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 1263 University Ave. - 92103**

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH SUNDAY CRAFTY SUNDAY, MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BAZAAR

Come by and shop for Mom before the rush! We have been getting together some great artisans that make amazing unique items. Mom will be so impressed with your shopping skills. **12pm-5pm @ Queen Bees, North Park 3925 Ohio St. 92104**
If you are interested in being a vendor we still have some space available!

LOOKING AHEAD!

- May 16 - "Spring Line Up" at the North Park Festival of the Arts**
- June 24 - NPCM Members' Trunk Show at Queen Bee's**